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Hui, et al.

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10/016,058

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For

MONITORING STERILANT

CONCENTRATION IN DIFFUSION-RESTRICTED REGIONS AS A BASIS FOR PARAMETRIC RELEASE

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Group Art Unit:

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# ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS WASHINGTON, D.C. 20231

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Dear Sir:

Enclosed for filing in the above-identified application are:

- (X An Information Disclosure Statement.
- (X) A PTO Form 1449 with twenty-two (22) references.
- (X) A return prepaid postcard.

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# INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Enclosed is form PTO-1449 listing twenty-two (22) references. These references are of record in related Application No. 09/468,767 filed December 21, 1999. Therefore, copies of these references are not enclosed. This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed before the receipt of a first Office Action on the merits, and presumably no fee is required in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b)(3). If a first Office Action on the merits was mailed before the mailing date of this Statement, the Commissioner is authorized to charge the fee set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(p) to Deposit Account No. 11-1410.

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